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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
YASUHISA INAO, et al. )  
Application No.: 10/663,691 )  
Filed: September 17, 2003 )  
For: MASK, EXPOSURE )  
APPARATUS, AND )  
EXPOSURE METHOD )  
Examiner: J. S. Ruggles  
Group Art Unit: 1756  
August 29, 2006

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated May 8, 2006 for one month from August 8, 2006 to September 8, 2006.

Submitted herewith is a check for \$120.00 to cover the fee for the extension under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17. Any deficiency in or overpayment of this fee should be charged or credited to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate copy of this petition is enclosed.

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Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa,  
California office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to  
our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Damond E. Vadnais", is written over a horizontal line.

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